In addition, to contain the crisis accentuated due to the rise in prices of cotton and cotton yarns, the Government has enforced following measures:

(i) The drawback incentive @ 1% on export of cotton has been withdrawn;

(ii) Import duty on cotton has been removed.

(iii) A Notification has been issued on 22nd July, 2008 stipulating that the contracts for export of cotton shall be registered with the Textile Commissioner prior to shipment.

Setting up of new textile parks

615. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of setting up of 50 new textile parks to provide employment in the textile sector;

(b) whether the locations have been identified for setting up of these parks;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the expected time by when these parks would be established in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) As per the target, 30 projects in 10th Five Year Plan and 10 projects in the 1st phase of 11th Five Year Plan, *i.e.* total 40 projects have been approved under the Scheme for Integrated Textiles Parks (SITP).

(b) and (c) Locations of these approved projects are -Andhra Pradesh (2 projects in Ananthpur and one each in Mahboob Nagar, Nellore, Pochampally and Visakhapatnam), Assam (Darrang), Gujarat (5 projects in Surat and one each in Kutch and Kheda), Karnataka (1 project in Dodballapur), Maharashtra (3 projects in Ichalkaranji and one each in Baramati, Bhiwandi, Tarapur, Dhule, Hingoli, Islampur and Latur), Punjab (one each in Barnala and Nawansehar), Rajasthan (2 projects in Kishangarh and one each in Pali and Jaipur), Tamil Nadu (one each in Cuddalore, Karur, Komarapalayam, Madurai, Palladam and Perundurai), Uttar Pradesh (1 project in Gorakhpur), West Bengal (one each in Kolkata and North 24 Pargana).

(d) One project was inaugurated in April, 2008. Three more projects have reported completion. Five more projects are expected to be completed by March, 2009. Remaining projects are expected to be completed in 2009/2010.

Workers rendered jobless due to closure of Textile Mills

616. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers rendered jobless due to closure of textile mills during the last five years;

(b) the measure taken to rehabilitate them;

(c) the number of workers given financial assistance so far;

(d) whether lakhs of workers have been given financial assistance so far; and

(e) the measures taken to ensure assistance to each and every worker rendered jobless, without fail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Total number of workers on roll of closed cotton/man-made fibre textile mills (Non-SSI) as on 29.2.2008 during 5 years is given below: -

Year	No. of workers
2003-04	17836
2004-05	2925
2005-06	6526
2006-07	2632
2007-08	435

(b) to (e) Measure taken to rehabilitate them are given at statement-I (*See* below). A total of 96728 workers had been disbursed relief till 30.09.2008.

Statement-I

Details of Measures taken to rehabilitate workers rendered jobless due to closure of Textile Mills during the last five years

Government has set up Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act with a view to arranging the timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures which need to be taken in respect of such companies. BIFR appoints operating agencies for preparation of rehabilitation proposals in respect of potentially viable units. The decision on rehabilitation is taken by BIFR based on its findings. The co-operative sector is not covered under the BIFR.

Out of 848 textile cases registered with BIFR as on 31.10.2006 and out of 407 mills closed as on 29.02.2008, 111 textile cases are registered with BIFR and status of the cases are enclosed as statement-II.

Further, Textile Worker's Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) has been introduced in terms of para 18 of Textile Policy of 1985, to provide interim relief to the eligible workers of eligible closed textile mills. This Scheme is effective from 15.09.1986 to give interim relief to the workers rendered jobless consequent to the permanent closure of non SSI Private mills. Relief under the scheme is available for three years on a tapering basis, @75% of the wage equivalent in the first year, 50% in the second year and 25% in the third year. The mills closed on or after 6.6.1985 are only covered under TWRFS. The mill should have been closed under section 25(O) of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 or alternatively an Official Liquidator should have been appointed by the High Court for the winding up process of the mills. The workers should have been completed minimum 5 years service in such closed mills and figured on the mills roll on the date of closure of the mills. Constant efforts were/are made by the Government to provide relief to displaced workers of closed textile mills at an early date by organizing various Grievances Redressal Meetings, which were/are presided over by the Hon'ble Textile Minister/Textile Commissioner/Joint Textile Commissioner etc. Such meetings had/have the representatives from various State/Central Government Departments/ Organizations/ Labour Associations and from workers.

Statement-II

State-wise status Textile cases registered with BIFR as on 31.10.2006 and closed mill as on Feb., 2008.

State	Declared No Longer Sick	Declared Sick	Dropped as Net Worth become Positive	Non-Main-tainable	Others	Scheme Sanctioned under Section 18(4)SICA,1985	Stay Order by Court/ Stayed by AAIFR	Under Enquiry	Winding Up recommended section 20(1) SICA, 1985.	Total
Andhra Pradesh				1	2	1			7	11
Assam				2						2
Bihar	1									1
Delhi	1	1		1				1	2	6
Gujarat		1						1	4	6
Haryana		1		2					3	6
Karnataka	1			1					3	5
Kerala	1	3				1			2	7
Madhya Pradesh									2	2
Orissa		1		1			1			3
Punjab				1					1	2
Rajasthan	1	1		3	1			1	5	12
Tamil Nadu	2	5	1	4			1	2	19	34
Uttar Pradesh				1		1			7	9
Uttaranchal									2	2
West Bengal		1							2	3
TOTAL	7	14	1	17	3	3	2	5	59	111